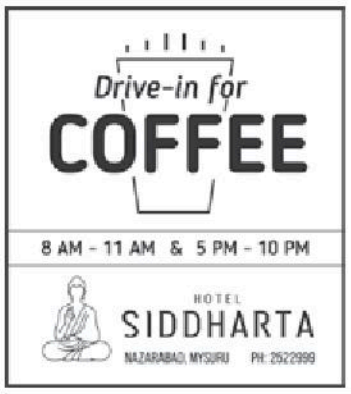

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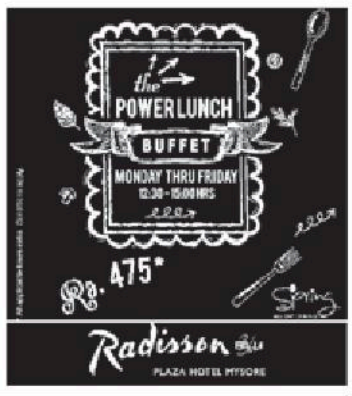

Extortion racket busted

Accused had forcibly taken Rs. 30 lakh from a doc

Mysuru, Nov. 20 (RK&SSV)- Five persons, including a woman have been arrested by Kuvempunagar Police on the charges of extorting money from a Mysuru-based doctor, who runs a clinic in Periyapatna taluk of Mysuru district.

The accused have been identified as Naveen of Neralakuppe, Harish of Muddanahalli, Shivaraj of Makodu, Anitha of Hunsur and Vijay of Nandipura.

Based on the complaint lodged by Dr. Prakash Baburao, a resident of Dattagalli in Mysuru, a First Information Report (FIR) was filed on Nov. 11 and all the five accused were arrested by Police on Nov. 15.

Though the cops have recovered a car from the accused, they are yet to reclaim Rs.30 lakh extortion money collected from the doctor. The arrests were made by Kuvempunagar Police Inspector Raju.

Why paid Rs. 30 lakh?

The cops are puzzled as to why the complainant doctor paid Rs.30 lakh to the gang if he was innocent. According to the doctor, he had paid them the money on different dates. Had he not done anything wrong, he should have complained to the Police on the first day itself. Seeking answers to all these questions, Kuvempunagar Police are probing this case from different angles.

Dr. Prakash Baburao told *Star of Mysore* that he runs a clinic in Periyapatna town.

In January, Naveen, Harish and Shivaraj came to him claiming that they have a video conversation and shared the screen shot of the same with him. They threatened to upload the video on social media platform if he did not pay money to them.

The doctor, who also happens to be the President of Periyapatna Taluk BJP Unit, said he became totally confused and depressed after being confronted by the trio. Since January, the doctor has paid Rs.30 lakh to them on different dates.

Interestingly, the prime accused Naveen was an office-bearer in BJP Yuva Morcha, and had been removed from the party post following complaints of extortion.

Dr. Baburao said after some days, the trio brought two others, Anitha and Vijay with them to his clinic to pester him to pay more money. The accused had bought a new car out of the ransom money. Naveen had appointed Anita's husband as the car driver.

Deciding to put an end to this menace, the doctor went to Kuvempunagar Police Station on Nov. 11 and filed a complaint against five persons. After which, the cops picked up all the five accused for interrogation.

"Their *modus operandi* is to identify reputed people in society and extort them by showing audio and video of their conversation. Their prime targets are doctors and officers in Government Departments. The accused have also taken large sums from many persons promising them jobs," said the doctor.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 20th November 2020

City youth's short film selected for National Science Film Fest

Mysuru, Nov. 20 - A short film titled 'Biodiversity of Tripura' produced and directed by N. Shivamurthy of Mysuru has been selected for the 10th National Science Film Festival of India.

Shivamurthy

The Film Fest, organised by Tripura State Council for Science & Technology and Vigyan Prasar, will be held virtually at Agartala, the Capital city of Tripura, from Nov. 24 to 27.

Shivamurthy worked under the guidance of Arron Menezes, Junior Research Officer, Educational Multimedia Research Centre (EMRC), Manasagangothri, Mysuru, for the short film which throws light on the biodiversity of Tripura. The 8-minute film is among the best three films chosen under the 'Destination of Tripura' category.

"I am very happy that the short movie, which is my first attempt, has been selected for National-level Film Fest," said an elated Shivamurthy.

CC Camera Surveillance System donated to School

Mysuru, Nov. 20- Under its Community Social Responsibility, Dhruv Compu Soft Consultancy Pvt. Ltd. donated CC Camera Surveillance System to Deepa High School at a cost of Rs. 2.5 lakh and the facility was inaugurated on Nov. 11.

The Founders of Dhruv Compu Soft, Sunil Naik, M.E. Anil, M.N. Subramanya and Dr. Latha Sudheer, along with the members of Deepa Education and Service Trust and all teachers, participated in the function.

Speaking after the inauguration, M.N. Subramanya appreciated Deepa Education and Service Trust for providing quality education to even rural students. Sunil Naik and M.E. Anil promised to provide cooperation for the institution in the coming years too.

Deepa Education and Service Trust President M. Ramappa thanked Dhruv Compu Soft for providing community services to the School. Head Mistress H. Geetha welcomed. Assistant Head Master Vishwanath proposed a vote of thanks. B. Savitha compered.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Everyone has a right to enter Brahmaloka, the subtlest layer of the macrocosmic mind. He is kind to all, every moment of one's life. One has only to receive this kindness by removing the ego. However great a sinner one may be, the moment one surrenders to the Divine, one becomes a devotee — and salvation is guaranteed. The entity whom you are trying to attain, Parama Purusha, is your own innermost Self. Your relation with him is not external, to be defined by courts, laws, or society. It is a family relationship. The desire in your mind to meet God is only born when he is inclined towards you. It is the result of his desire to meet you. Your meeting with the Divine is not a unilateral affair, it is a mutual thing. You walk one step towards him, he will come twenty steps towards you. Your relation with God is personal. No one can sever this relationship. It is part of your being, your birthright. — *Shrii Shrii Anandamurtijii in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man becomes millionaire after meteorite crash

Sumatra: A 33-year-old man from Sumatra in Indonesian named Josua Hutagalung, became a millionaire overnight after a meteor crashed through his roof. Josua Hutagalung, a coffin maker, became astronomically richer after he recently sold the meteorite for over 1 million pounds or roughly Rs. 9.8 crore.

Hutagalung was working outside his home in August when the 2.1 kg space rock smashed through the tin roof in his veranda. He shared photos of the meteorite on Facebook, where they created a flurry of interest. It is reportedly worth around 645 pounds (approximately Rs. 63,000) per gram.

Hutagalung sold the rock to a specialist collector - Jared Collins of the USA, who in turn has reportedly sold it to fellow collector Jay Piatek. Hutagalung has not disclose the exact amount he was paid for the rare rock, which has magnetic properties. However, he indicated that the amount was over 1 million pounds.

AI-powered news anchor who looks eerily realistic

Seoul: South Korean television channel MBN recently introduced its viewer's to the Asian country's first ever AI-powered news anchor, an eerily realistic version of human anchor Kim Ju-ha.

Developed by MBN in partnership with artificial intelligence production company Money Brain, South Korea's first AI-powered news anchor was reportedly shockingly similar to her human inspiration. Not only did it have the exact same look and voice of the popular presenter, but she also mimicked the small gestures that Kim sometimes makes, like fiddling with a pen while reporting. During a broadcast on Nov. 6, AI Kim even shared a conversation with real-life Kim Ju-ha to compare their voices, which apparently freaked out a lot of people.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mysuru

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	54
Total positive cases	:	49,751
Discharges yesterday	:	68
Total discharges	:	48,053
Deaths yesterday	:	1
Total deaths	:	984
Total active cases	:	714

Mandya

Positive cases yesterday	:	36
Total positive cases	:	18,135
Total discharges	:	17,538
Total deaths	:	146
Total active cases	:	451

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	12
Total positive cases	:	6,230
Total discharges	:	6,022
Total deaths	:	115
Total active cases	:	82

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	17
Total positive cases	:	5,185
Total discharges	:	5,027
Total deaths	:	66
Total active cases	:	92

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	54
Total positive cases	:	26,599
Total discharges	:	25,673
Total deaths	:	384
Total active cases	:	542

Really...?

- *Pigeons are incredibly complex and intelligent animals. They are one of only a small number of species to pass the 'mirror test,' a test of self recognition. They can also recognise each letter of human alphabet, differentiate between photographs, and even distinguish different humans within a photograph. Pigeons are highly sociable animals. They will often be seen in flocks of 20-30 birds.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *Mervin, please go outside the door and stay there.*
Mervin: *Why?* ***Teacher:*** *Because your jabbering is very disruptive and nobody wants to listen to it.*
Mervin: *Then perhaps you should come along with me teacher!!*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.16
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 98.49
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.19
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.14

VOICE OF THE READER

Digital Life Certificate

Govt. should identify areawise Common Service Centres

Sir,

This is with reference to the letter in *SOM* dated Nov. 18 by Kamala regarding the difficulty of pensioners in getting Jeevan Pramaan Digital Life Certificate (JP-DLC). Also referring your response regarding other options.

Yes, respective banks (any branch) are supposed to facilitate the JP-DLC biometric authentication for pensioners but the banks are not forthcoming to support the pensioners giving the excuse of COVID-19.

And further Government has authorised freelance service providers as Common Service Centre (CSC). However, the list provides name, location, CSC ID number but not phone number, address, making it difficult to visit or contact these people, thus seemingly making things difficult for senior citizens.

The bank (private) where I used to go earlier said this time they have not received the authentication yet due to COVID-19.

So due to travel plans and time shortage, I decided to buy approved Fingerprint scanner (Mantra MFS100), use JP website on PC to give the DLC. Everything was fine till the final step where it got stuck on the JP website - server response?

Eventually I used the FP scanner with mobile app Umang and it went through smooth for both me and my wife to get our JP DLC.

So this means expenses on scanner (and annual RD license from 2nd year), it saves other botherations. The Government should identify areawise CSC with proper standard rules, procedures, rates etc. Hopefully this helps others in the matter.

—Sanjay Simha
Vijayanagar 4th Stage
19.11.2020

Inauguration of Sustainable Development Centre for Youth Engagement at NIE

Mysuru, Nov. 20- The National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Mysuru, in coordination with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Sustainable Development Goal Coordination Centre (SDGCC) and Department of Planning, Programme Monitoring and Statistics, Government of Karnataka, is establishing India's first "SDG Centre for Youth Engagement."

The Centre will be inaugurated at a function to be held at Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Hall, NIE Administrative Block, Manandavadi Road, at 11 am tomorrow (Nov. 21).

B.J. Puttaswamy, Vice-Chairman, Karnataka State Planning Board and Dr. Shalini Rajneesh, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to GoK, Department of Planning, Programme Monitoring and Statistics, will be the chief guests. R. Ashok Anand, Vice-President, NIE, will preside.

D. Sudhanva, Hon. Secretary, NIE, Dr. K. Raghuveer, Principal, Dr. H.S. Prasanna, Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, Dr. Mukund Raj, UNDP, Project Head - SDGCC, will be part of the inaugural ceremony.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a collection of 17 interlinked goals designed to be a "blueprint to achieve a better and sustainable future for all." SDGs were set in 2015 by the UN General Assembly and are intended to be achieved by the year 2030. They are included in a UN Resolution called the 2030 Agenda or what is colloquially known as Agenda 2030.

Former Ganabharathi President G.L.N. Ayya passes away

Mysuru, Nov. 20- G.L.N. Ayya (97), an art patron and former President of Ganabharathi, passed away at his son's residence in Bengaluru this morning.

He was a freedom fighter and was imprisoned for a few months during the Quit India Movement in 1942.

G.L.N. Ayya

He leaves behind his son Vishwanath (advocate), daughter Nalini and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Bengaluru today, according to a family sources.

Condolence: A meeting to condole the death of Ayya will be held at Veene Seshanna Bhavana in Kuvempunagar tomorrow at 5 pm, according to Dr. C.G. Narasimhan, President, Ganabharathi, Mysuru.

Retail Expo by Canara Bank held

Mysuru, Nov. 20 (PM&KS)- As part of the 115th birth anniversary of Bank Founder late Ammembala Subba Rao Pai, which is celebrated as Canara Bank's Founder Day, the Canara Bank Regional Office at Nazarbad here had organised a 'Retail Expo' at its premises yesterday.

The expo was also held at the Bank's five cluster branches at Nazarbad, Jayalakshmipuram, Chamaraja Mohalla, Kuvempunagar-2 (New Kantharaj Urs Road) and Yelwal.

Bank officials, marketing officers, vehicle dealers and advocates were also present to explain and clarify doubts pertaining to retail loans — Housing Loan, Vehicle Loan and other retail personal loans — to the customers. On the occasion, grocery kits were distributed to nearly 150 pourakarmikas by the Bank officials. The Retail Expo concluded at 5 pm yesterday and sanction letters were handed over to the prospective borrowers.

Deputy General Manager Mithanthaya, Divisional Managers H.S. Satish, P.S. Umesh and A. Mohammed Ismail and Senior Manager A.P.S. Adhikari were present.

Power disruption tomorrow

Mysuru, Nov. 20-Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas:

Doddakere Maidan Power Distribution Centre: Ramanuja Road, Hosabandikeri, JSS Hospital, Agrahara, Basaveshwara Road, Chamundipuram, Sub-urban Bus stand, Nazarbad, Ittigegud, surrounding areas of Zoo, Government Guest House and surrounding areas, Taluk Office, D. Devaraja Urs Road, BN Road, Chamundi Hill, Siddarthanagar, Alanahalli and surrounding areas, Giridarshini Layout, surrounding areas of Palace, Sriharsha Road, Sayyaji Rao Road, surrounding of Irwin road, Dhanvanthri Road and Shivarampet and surrounding areas.

Devanoor Power Distribution Centre: Rammanahalli, Kalisiddanahundi, Hanchya, Sathagalli, Galigara hundi, Nehrunagar, Sathagalli village, DTS Rao nagar, VTU College, Sathagalli B Zone, Bharathnagar and surrounding areas.

RK Power Distribution Centre: Kukkaharahalli, Saraswathipuram 12th Main to 17th main road, Maruthi Temple road, Vishwamanava Double road, Kamakshi Hospital and surrounding areas, according to a press release from the CESC.

CESC public grievances meet on Nov. 21

Mysuru, Nov. 20- Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has organised a public grievances meet for consumers of Kuvempunagar Sub-Division limits on Nov. 21 at 11 am at the Office of the Assistant Executive Engineer, which will be chaired by the Executive Engineer of Kuvempunagar Division, according to a press release.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Interaction on inner reservation tomorrow

The Karnataka Dalitha Sangharsha Samithi has organised an interaction meet on the topic "Inner reservation as an ammunition: The challenges before Dalits' at the Institution of Engineers on JLB road here tomorrow (Nov. 21) at 10 am. For details, call Mob: 99011-17089 or 93804-12622 or 94488-72016, according to a press release.

Pratibha Puraskar for Nayaka students

The Nayaka Teachers Welfare Association will be celebrating Valmiki Jayanti at Rotary Hall on JLB road at 10 am on Nov. 22. On the occasion, meritorious students of Nayaka community who have scored high marks in PUC (2019-20) will be honoured with Pratibha Puraskar. H.D. Kote MLA Anil Chikkamadu will inaugurate the programme and the Association President P. Nagalingappa will preside. ZP CEO D. Bharathi will light the lamp. Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda will be the guest of honour. For details, call Mob: 63646-57759.

Annual General Body Meetings

The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of Sri Shalivahana Multipurpose Industrial Co-operative Society Ltd. for the year 2019-20 will be held at Sri Rama Kalyana Mandira on Kalidasa Road in V.V. Mohalla in city on Nov. 22 at 10 am. Society President K.P. Venkatesh will preside. [Ph: 0821-2412988].

The 42nd AGM of Kodava Samaja, Mysuru, will be held Gurumane Hall of Kodava Samaja on Dec. 20 at 10 am. Samaja President K. M. Belliappa will preside.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	122.89 ft
Yesterday	123.00 ft
Inflow	4,214 cusecs
Outflow	5,716 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,276.46 ft
Inflow	446 cusecs
Outflow	2,150 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,846.40 ft
Inflow	102 cusecs
Outflow	200 cusecs

Former IFS Officer's wife returns site after MUDA notice

Faux pas by MUDA?

Mysuru, Nov. 20 (OSR)- An incident of the wife of a late former IFS Officer returning the site allotted to her husband by Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) has now come to light. She took the decision after MUDA authorities served a notice to her for providing incomplete and false information and also to sell the same site for a big sum.

MUDA Commissioner Dr. D. B. Natesh

Following media reports, MUDA Commissioner Dr. D. B. Natesh has issued a clarification claiming that this incident has not caused any financial loss to the Authority and there is no illegality in it. The clarification is as follows:

Upon an application by the then IFS Officer Nagaraj, the Mysuru Urban Development Authority allotted a 15mtx24mt (50'x80') site (No.3165) to him in Vijayanagar Fourth Stage, Second Phase, on Sept. 8, 1994 on payment of Rs. 1.5 lakh. Later MUDA issued a lease-cum-sale deed to Nagaraj on Dec. 13, 1996, following which the possession certificate was issued on Jan. 3, 1997. Years later, Nagaraj, in a letter to MUDA on April 26, 2002, said that he was returning the site as he had got a site at Bengaluru from Bangalore Metropolitan Co-operative Housing Society Ltd. But MUDA did not respond.

After a couple of years, Nagaraj wrote another letter to MUDA on Sept. 3, 2004, requesting the Authority to continue with the site allotment that was in his name. But MUDA again failed to respond to his request.

Now, 16 years later, J. Shashikala, wife of retired IFS Officer Nagaraj, wrote a letter to the Government on Aug. 13, 2020 stating that her husband died on Aug. 22, 2019 and as such, the documents pertaining to the 15mtx24mt site allotted to her husband, be transferred jointly to her and her son Samarth's name. Following the letter, the Government directed MUDA to take action in this regard.

Later Shashikala sought MUDA to transfer documents to her name. Subsequent to her appeal, MUDA while scrutinising the documents, found that the records of the site remained in the name of the allottee, following which MUDA did Khata (Pauti Khata) in the name of Shashikala.

After some days, she applied for Title Deed on Sept.4, 2020 and the same was issued on Sept. 21, 2020, after charging a penalty of Rs. 21,60,000.

Later, the MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, in a note issued on Sept. 24, 2020 directed the officials to check whether all the procedures were followed in respect of Khata transfer and to take necessary action in case any discrepancies or violation of norms in the procedure. Subsequently, the files pertaining to the site were verified, when the Cash Book entry showed that the Rs. 1.5 lakh that had been paid in 1994 towards the cost of the site had been returned to the allottee Nagaraj on Nov. 28, 2006 itself. It is at this juncture that MUDA got suspicious and decided to issue a notice to Shashikala for misleading MUDA by providing incomplete and false information.

Then MUDA issued a notice to Shashikala on Nov. 5, 2020 charging her of attempting to grab and sell the site that had already been returned by her husband by providing false and incomplete information, in order to make huge profit. The notice also said that why not a criminal action be taken against her for fraudulent practices and asked her to return the registered Title Deed and all other records pertaining to the said site at Vijayanagar Fourth Stage, in person, within 7 days of the notice.

Responding to the notice, Shashikala visited MUDA office on Nov. 10, 2020 and returned all the documents pertaining to the site. She also appealed MUDA not to initiate any legal action against her as she was deeply depressed by the demise of her husband and the wrong had happened due to lack of information and negligence.

Following the return of all documents by Shashikala, the MUDA authorities on Nov. 10, 2020, cancelled the site's Title Deed issued on Sept. 21, 2020, the clarification said.

On alleged lapses on the part of MUDA, the authorities said that no recordings were made in Page 130 of Ledger No. 161 regarding the cancellation of the allotment of the site after it was returned to MUDA by the original allottee Nagaraj.

Further, the non availability of any entries, recordings or notings in respect of return of Rs. 1.5 lakh (paid towards the cost of site) made by MUDA to the original allottee on Nov. 28, 2006, led the MUDA authorities to consider Shashikala's plea for issuance of Pauti Khata and Title Deed in respect of the site. Also, the issuance is attributed to the missing pages after Paragraph 52 of office notes.

Meanwhile, amidst all these clarifications, doubts have surfaced on how MUDA allegedly 're-allotted' the site to Shashikala, wife of the original allottee Nagaraj, on Sept. 21, 2020, after a long gap of 18 years, by collecting the 1994 price of Rs. 1,50,500.

It is alleged that Shashikala after getting the site 're-allotted', reportedly sold the site for a whopping Rs. 83,92,320 to another woman on the same day itself (Sept. 21, 2020).

The MUDA Commissioner has promised to investigate into the missing of documents and punish those found responsible for this act of negligence.

District Vokkaliga Association demands formation of Corporation

Mysuru, Nov. 20 (MTY&DM)- A day after the State Government announced the formation of Karnataka Veerashaiva-Lingayat Development Corporation (KVLDC), the Mysuru-Chamarajanagar District Vokkaliga Association had demanded formation of Vokkaliga Development Corporation.

Addressing a press meet here on Wednesday, Association President G. Manju said that there were over 80 lakh Vokkaligas in the State and most of them depended on agriculture for their living. Maintaining that the community is lagging behind on economic, academic and social fronts, he said that the Government must form the Corporation for the upliftment of Vokkaligas.

Pointing out that though the community is getting a four percent reservation in jobs, he said that it is meant only for the rural poor and does not benefit the poor Vokkaligas living in urban areas.

Urging the Government to form a Corporation on the lines of KVLDC, he warned of staging protests if the Government ignores the demand. Manju also sought to hike the reservation from the present 4 percent to 15 percent depending upon the population of the community.

Association office-bearers B. Kumargowda, S. Gururaj, M.A. Susheela Nanjappa, M.A. Nanjappa, Girish Gowda and others were present. The Association later submitted a memorandum seeking formation of Vokkaliga Development Corporation, at the Deputy Commissioner's Office.

Former FKCCI Chairman demands formation of Bunts and Billava Development Corporations

Mysuru, Nov. 20- Former FKCCI (Federation of Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industries) Chairman Sudhakar S. Shetty has demanded formation of Bunts and Billava Development Corporations.

Making an appeal to Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, Sudhakar S. Shetty said that Bunts is a major community in the coastal districts of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi with Tulu as their mother tongue.

Maintaining that Bunts form a sizeable population in the State, he urged the CM to announce a development corporation for the community.

Shetty also sought a development corporation for Billava community, which also forms a sizeable population in the coastal districts.

Harangi Dam now open to tourists

Kushalnagar, Nov.20 (Raghu Hebbale&SSV)- Harangi Reservoir, one of the important tourist places in Kodagu district, was thrown open for tourists from Nov. 16.

Appachu Ranjan

MLA M.P. Appachu Ranjan inaugurated a new ticket counter. Speaking on the occasion, he said opening of this dam has added to the list of important tourist destinations in the district. All these days, tourists were barred from entering the reservoir due to security reason. Now, it has been opened for the visiting public by adopting the health protocol announced by the State Government.

Entry Ticket
Adults : Rs. 10
Children : Rs. 5

The MLA directed officials to construct hi-tech toilets and improve the quality of food at canteen to attract the crowd. It was happy to note that the dam which had a deserted look all these days, now wears a festive look with tourists, he added.

ZP Member K.R. Manjula, Taluk Panchayat Member Ganesh, Water Resources Department Executive Engineer Rajegowda, Assistant Executive Engineer Mahendrakumar, Assistant Engineer Nagaraj, Deputy Superintendent of Police Shailendra, Circle Inspector Mahesh and others were present.

Winter session of State Legislature from Dec.7

Bengaluru, Nov.20- Amid COVID-19 crisis, the winter session of the State Legislature will take place from Dec.7 to15.

Announcing this to presspersons after the Cabinet meeting here on Wednesday, Law Minister J.C. Madhuswamy said that the Government has decided to hold the session even amidst COVID-19 crisis. Pointing out that several key bills will be passed during the week-long session, he said that all safety and precautionary measures will be taken in accordance with COVID-19 safety protocols.

Continuing, the Minister said that the Centre has released over Rs. 550 crore as interim relief for the damages caused by recent floods and other natural disasters in the State.

Stating that the Government plans to spend Rs.2,000 crore for irrigation works, he said that the State will seek more funds from the Centre for flood relief and developmental works.

He further said that the year 2021 will have 21 public holidays and 10 restricted holidays. The Government has released Rs. 28.5 crore to Belagavi City Corporation for taking up developmental works, he added.

Govt. forms Cabinet Sub-Committee to look into raising of SC,ST reservation quota

Bengaluru, Nov.20 (KMS&DM)- Even as the demand for raising the reservation quota for SC,ST communities is growing by the day, the State Government on Wednesday said that it was forming a Cabinet Sub-Committee to look into the issue.

Speaking to presspersons after the Cabinet meeting on Wednesday, Law Minister J.C. Madhuswamy said that the Sub-Committee will be formed in a week and the Chief Minister will decide on its members. Noting that there has been a long-standing demand for a hike in reservation quota for SC,ST communities, he said that the Government is forming the Sub-Committee based on the recommendation of Justice Nagmohan Das Committee Report.

Pointing out that there is a demand for hiking the SC reservation quota from the present 13 percent to 15 percent and ST reservation quota from 5 to 7 percent, Madhuswamy said that the Government will consider raising the reservation based on the Cabinet Sub-Committee's report.

Vijayanagar to be 31st district of State

Madhuswamy further said that Vijayanagar district will be formed by carving Ballari district. Pointing out that Vijayanagar district will be the 31st district of the State, he said that the new district is likely to have 5-6 taluks.

Getting APL card made easy

Apply from home, get the card in fortnight

Mysuru, Nov.20 (BVMC&SSV)- Availing Above Poverty Line (APL) card has been made easy. If you have computer with internet facility, then you can get APL card. But, your mobile number should be linked to your Aadhaar card as One Time Password (OTP) will be sent to your registered mobile number.

No other documents are required except the Aadhaar card to apply for APL card online. No need for biometric or photograph as everything will appear once you type Aadhaar Card number and OTP. The card will be delivered to your house within two weeks by post. Unfortunately, not many people in Mysuru district are availing this facility to get APL card. Every family residing in Karnataka is eligible to avail an APL card. It is one of the recognised address and identity proofs by both the State and the Central Government agencies.

APL card in Karnataka is a document issued by the State Government for its citizens under the public distribution system based on the annual income of a household.

This card serves three purposes; it can be used as identity proof of nationality and domicile, it indicates economic status of the citizen in the State and mainly a citizen can purchase essential commodities from fair price shops in a subsidised price.

It can be used as an identification tool and now-a-days, a citizen has to submit a photo copy of APL card in order to avail different facilities such as to enroll your name in the electoral list, LPG connection, income certificate and helps to avail various Government schemes.

How to apply for APL card?

The application for a new APL card should be submitted in the prescribed form. A person can file an application through any service kiosk like MysuruOne/ KarnatakaOne or in Food and Civil Supplies website *https://ahara.kar.nic.in.*

The applicant and her/his family members who want to be added in the APL card should provide Aadhaar based bio-metric authentication while filling the application. Applicants can visit the Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs website to generate APL card.

Public can follow this link *http://ahara.kar.nic.in* to apply for a new APL card. After entering the Aadhaar number, the applicant has to go for authentication. Applicant can choose One Time Password (OTP) to the mobile number registered with Aadhaar or finger print verification. After the verification, details mentioned in Aadhaar will be displayed on the application. If all the details are accurate, the applicant can take further action and application number will be generated.

In case any member's name appears on another APL card, then the applicant has to delete those duplicate names. Without this action, the applicant cannot apply for new APL card. When application form opens, the applicant should enter all the required details of the members in his family.

After editing all the details, an application number will be displayed on the screen. Applicant can use that number to make changes or to edit the application. Same procedure can be followed to add other members to the application. Applicant can use delete/Add button available in the application to add or remove members' name mentioned in the application.

After entering all necessary information, the application will go for verification. After the verification, the copy of the APL card will be delivered to your doorstep through speed post within 15 days. The Department will charge Rs. 100 for this service.

Govt. resumes biometric attendance system for employees

Bengaluru, Nov.20- After months of suspension of touch-based biometric time and attendance system for its employees due to the outbreak of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic, the State Government on Wednesday said that it has resumed the biometric attendance system for all its employees with immediate effect.

Following the outbreak of the deadly contagion in March, the Government had suspended the biometric attendance system on May 31 as a safety measure. But now, as the COVID-19 caseload is dropping significantly in the State capital Bengaluru and as well in all other hotspot districts of the State, the Government has re-introduced biometric time and attendance system for all its employees with immediate effect, according to a press release.

Man goes missing from city

C. Krishnamurthy

Mysuru, Nov. 20 (KS) - A 49-year-old man, who left his house on Nov. 13 at about 9.45 am, saying that he was going to work, has since gone missing.

The missing man is C. Krishnamurthy. He is 5.3 ft. tall, round faced, normal built, dark complexioned, has a tattoo of Raghavendraswamy on his chest and the names of his parents on his left hand, speaks Kannada, Tamil and Malayalam and was wearing a black T-Shirt and black pant at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the missing person may contact Vidyaranyapuram Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418122/322/522 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release.

Project Tiger completes 47 years: A thumps up for Big Cat conservation

Gundlupet, Nov. 20 (SSV)- It is definitely an occasion to celebrate. The ambitious 'Project Tiger' launched in 1973 to protect the dwindling tiger population in Karnataka forests, has completed 47 years.

On November 17, 1973, the then Chief Minister D. Devaraja Urs declared Bandipur Park as 'Tiger Reserve' heralding a new era of tiger protection in the country. Bandipur was announced as Park by including Venugopalaswamy Wildlife area and surrounding forest on February 19, 1941. Only 13 tigers were there at the time of launching Project Tiger. Now, thanks to sustained efforts of forest officials, this Park has 175 tigers and second Park in the country to have the highest number of big cats. In 1985, some more areas were brought under Tiger Reserve and re-christened as Bandipur National Park. At that time, the total area of Park was 874.20 sq km and more forest area was added in the coming years. Now the total area of Tiger Reserve was 912.04 sq kms which included Waynad in Kerala, Madhumalai in Tamil Nadu and BRT Sanctuary.

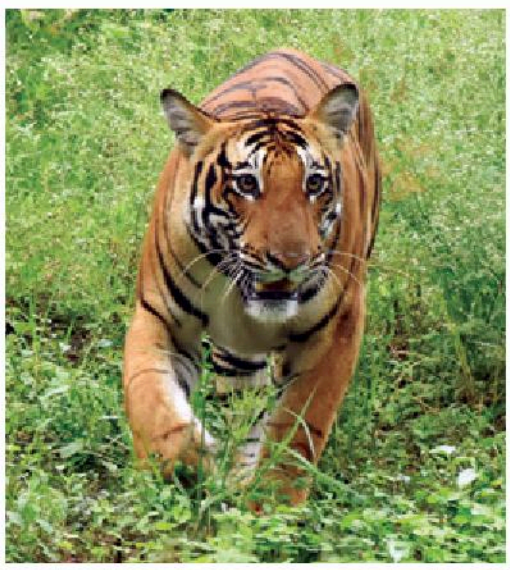
NUMBER INCREASING

Year after year, the number of big cats is increasing due to strict vigilance. Of late, tigers are sighted on villages bordering Bandipur Tiger Reserve. According to an estimate, this Reserve has around 1,500 elephants. Bandipur forest is situated on Southern part of Western Ghats and three rivers, Kabini, Naguru and Mayar flows here. The Rolling Rock has improved the beauty of Bandipur.

Of late, aged tigers are moving towards human habitation in search of food and attack livestock and pets. The big cats are often involved in territorial fight. In the last three years, as many as 12 incidents of tiger attack on livestock have been reported in the area.

A file photo of Indian Forest Service Officer S.G. Neginahal explaining the Project Tiger concept to then Chief Minister D. Devaraja Urs in Bandipur on Nov. 17, 1973.

WHAT IS PROJECT TIGER



It is a scheme launched in 1973 to protect the dwindling tiger population in India. Accordingly, 25 Tiger Reserve areas were created across the country. Under this scheme, human activities are completely banned in this reserve. Bandipur, which has maximum number of tigers and Nagarahole Forests are called as 'Tiger Corridor.' According to census, there were 290 tigers in 2006, 300 in 2010, 406 in 2014. Out of 406, 93 were found in Nagarahole and 110 in Bandipur. Tiger census is held once in four years. However, now it is held every year since 2018 following installation of camera trapping inside forests. The forests of Bandipur and Nagarahole are ideal for the growth of tiger population. Besides, prey availability has contributed a lot for the number to increase year by year, said an officer.

Ponnampet Tahsildar takes charge

Taluk begins official functioning

***Kusuma** (sitting) took charge as Tahsildar at the Tahsildar's Office in Ponnampet yesterday as others look on.*

Ponnampet, Nov. 20 (BCT)- The new Ponnampet Taluk that has been carved out of Virajpet Taluk officially began functioning from yesterday with the new Tahsildar Kusuma taking charge. A puja was performed at the Tahsildar's office at Ponnampet that was attended by many senior citizens and stakeholders.

They honoured the new Tahsildar and wished her the best. The State Government, in a notification issued on July 3 this year, had officially notified Ponnampet as a new taluk under the Karnataka Land Revenue Act.

The new Ponnampet taluk comprises four hoblis with the inclusion of 49 villages bifurcated from Virajpet taluk. The four hoblis are Ponnampet, Balele, Srimangala and Hudikeri. Boundary details — East: Hunsur taluk of Mysuru district; West: Virajpet taluk; North: Periyapatna taluk of Mysuru district; South: Kerala State.

Virajpet Taluk from which the Ponnampet Taluk has been carved out has an area of 160 kms and the new Ponnampet taluk promises the Southern region of Kodagu more Government facilities along with better access to healthcare, transport and other facilities. Ponnampet already has Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC) Court (Senior Division).

State issues notification to form Kushalnagar Taluk

Kushalnagar, Nov. 20 (Akshay &BCT)- Bowing to the demand for a separate Cauvery Taluk with headquarters at Kushalnagar, the State Government has issued a notification to form Kushalnagar Taluk.

The notification has been issued yesterday by V.T. Rajashree, Under Secretary to Government, Revenue Department under the powers conferred under Karnataka Land Revenue Act 1964. The notification will be in force for 30 days within which people can file objections, if any. If there are no objections, the notified places will be included in the new taluk.

The demand for a separate taluk has been growing over the years since residents find travelling 27km to Somwarpet to get their work done to be a waste of time. Many bandhs have been organised by Cauvery Taluk Horata Kendriya Samiti since the last two years demanding the formation of Cauvery Taluk with Kushalnagar as its headquarters.

Expressing happiness over the Government notification, Samiti President and former Zilla Panchayat Member V.P. Shashidhar told *Star of Mysore* this morning that the aspirations of people of Kushalnagar was being realised with the formation of the taluk. "We have been fighting for this since the last four years and since the last two years there has been intensified protests. Finally this is becoming a reality," he said and added that a new taluk will enable ease of doing Government business.

According to the notification, the boundaries of the proposed Kushalnagar Taluk will include Mysuru Taluk of Mysuru District (East), Madikeri Taluk of Kodagu District (West), Somwarpet Taluk of Kodagu District (North) and Virajpet Taluk of Kodagu District (South).

The Kushalnagar Taluk will be carved out of Somwarpet Taluk and will have prominent places along with their surrounding villages, village accountant circles and hoblis. The prominent places include Mullusoge, Koodige, Nanjarayapattana, Rangasamudra, Valnoor, Abyathmangala, Nelyahudikeri, Hebbale, Shirangala, Thorenooru, Cherala Srimangala, Kedakkal and Suntikoppa.

Re-open hostels to improve attendance in Colleges

A staff member of Maharani's Science College using thermal scanner to check the body temperature of students before allowing them to attend offline classes in city this morning. Picture right shows Math lecturer going through RT-PCR report showed by students to attend classes.

Mysuru, Nov. 20 (SBD & SSV)- Non-opening of hostels has been one of the reasons for poor attendance of students to Colleges which were opened on Nov. 17 after a gap of eight months.

More than 70 per cent of students of Mysuru Colleges belonged to rural areas. While a small portion of students travel daily, others stay in hostels. The State Government ordered re-opening of Colleges for final year students of under graduate and post graduate courses since Monday last, due to decline on COVID-19 cases. The students have been given the option of attending the classes offline or online. There was no compulsion on them to attend offline classes and attendance was not made mandatory for them. But, those who wished to attend classes offline must undergo a free RT-PCR test and show negative report to the College authorities. Many of them are ready to attend offline classes but not ready to come from their native till the hostels are re-opened.

The Colleges may have re-opened but the hostels run by Department of Social Welfare, Backward Classes were still shut. A majority of parents were not in a position to house their kids in private hostels due to bad economic condition. Even public transport facility was yet to improve in rural areas.

Prof. S.T. Ramachandra, Director, Students Welfare, said University of Mysore was distributing application forms only for degree students. Post graduate students have to apply online to seek hostel accommodation. Sanitisation work and minor repairing works are going on in the University hostels, he added.

Open hostels

Students Organisations opine that daily travelling for 50 km distance will be difficult for students. There is no provision to stay back in city. Food is also a big problem for them as eating at food joints is not safe during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Many wanted to attend offline classes but were forced to sit back home. It was not right on the part of the Varsity authorities to put the lives of students in peril without taking safety measures. Need of the hour was to re-open hostels and provide food and accommodation to needy students.

Karnataka bandh on Dec.5

Bengaluru, Nov. 20 - Several Kannada organisations have called for Karnataka bandh on Dec.5, protesting against State Government's decision to constitute Maratha Development Authority.

This was decided at a meeting held here under the Chairmanship of former MLA and Kannada activist Vatal Nagaraj this morning.

The pro-Kannada organisations have requested the support of one and all to make Karnataka bandh a grand success.

Vatal Nagaraj said autorickshaw and taxis will stay off the roads. A massive rally will be taken out from the Town Hall to Freedom Park in the heart of Bengaluru city.

Appealing all people of the State to wholeheartedly support the bandh, Kannada Chaluvali leader Vatal Nagaraj said that it is the responsibility of every Kannadiga to condemn the State Government's decision to form Maratha Development Authority. Urging the Government to immediately scrap the Authority, Vatal Nagaraj warned of more protests if the Government failed to do so. Meanwhile, it is learnt that Karnataka Hotel Owners Association and Taxi Operators Association have expressed moral support to the bandh.

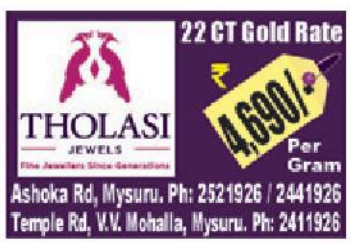
Rudrapatnam Brothers' Online Concert on Nov. 28

Rudrapatnam Brothers

Mysuru, Nov. 20- A Live Online Karnatak Vocal Concert by *Padma Shri* awardees Rudrapatnam Brothers — Vid. R.N. Thyagarajan and Vid. R.N. Tharanathan — has been organised on Nov. 28 at 7 pm, under the aegis of Spicmacay Karnataka and Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru.

They will be accompanied by Vidu. Nalina Mohan on violin, Sanjay Taranathan on mridanga and Nagachethan on tambura.

There are no tickets. The link for the programme is *http://bit.ly/smrbrothers*



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The pathetic condition of the road in Metagalli

The 2-C Main Road in Metagalli, which was dug up to lay UGD pipes has not been asphalted resulting in the road turning into a pathetic condition and unmotorable. Following rains, rain water has become stagnant on the road and become slushy. The residents have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to get the road asphalted at the earliest.

Plea to replace broken electric pole at S.S. Nagar

An electric pole near Apna Ghar at S.S. Nagar is broken and is precariously standing but would fall any day sooner. Residents alleged that though complaint was given to the concerned CESC official, no action has been taken to replace the broken pole till date. The residents have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to get the pole replaced at the earliest before any untoward incident could take place.

HC sets aside reservation notification for ULB posts

Bengaluru, Nov. 20- In a setback to the Government, a Single Judge Bench of the High Court on Thursday set aside the Government's Oct. 8, 2020 reservation notification to the posts of President and Vice-President in all the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), including Town Municipalities. The Court also directed the State Government to notify the new reservation matrix within four weeks.

Members of several Urban Local Bodies including Somwarpet Town Panchayat, Hassan, Arasikere, Harihar and other CMCs had moved the High Court questioning the Government's reservation quota for ULB Presidential posts.

Justice R. Devadas, while passing the order, instructed the State Government to follow the provisions of the Karnataka Municipalities (President and Vice-President) Election Rules,

1965 and the guidelines of Sept. 11, 2020 Government order. The Court has also directed the State Government to maintain worksheets and notes prepared while undertaking the exercise of rotation and also indicate the reasons for any deviation. The Court, however, granted 10 days time to the State Government to question the order in a Division Bench of the HC.

The polls to elect the Councillors of Municipalities were held in Aug. 2018 and the notification of reservation of posts of Presidents and Vice-Presidents were issued on Sept. 3, 2018. However, the Government withdrew the earlier notification on Oct. 8, 2020 and issued a fresh reservation matrix for Presidential posts of Town Panchayats, City Municipal Councils and Town Municipal Councils.

Meanwhile, senior Advocate A.S. Ponnanna, reacting to the HC order, said that the HC has struck down the reservation notification of the State Government as the Roster system was not followed. Thursday's HC order poses a threat to the continuance of several Presidents and Vice-Presidents of Urban Local Bodies who were elected only a few days ago, he said.

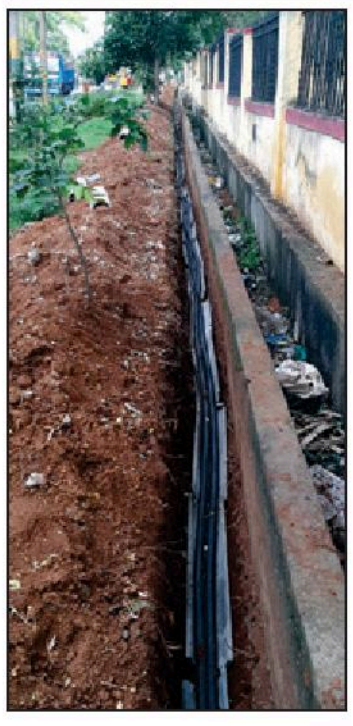
Pointing out that a fresh election has to take place for Presidential posts, he said that, however, the Government has been granted 10 days time to question the order before a Division Bench of the HC.

CESC blamed for substandard works in laying of underground power cables

Mysuru, Nov. 20 (MK&KS)- In a bid to make Mysuru overhead power lines-free, Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has undertaken underground power cable laying works across the city at a total cost of Rs. 600 crore and the public are accusing CESC of undertaking substandard works, which could prove danger in future.

In the first phase, laying of underground power cables was taken up at a cost of Rs. 300 crore, which was undertaken by Asian Fab Tech Limited (AFTL) and Larsen & Toubro (L&T). While undertaking the works, UGD pipes and drinking water pipes at many places were damaged. Hence to lay low tension lines, trenches were dug up on roadsides and power cables were being inserted into concrete pipes and were then being laid underground.

But the public have alleged that nearly 50% of concrete pipes were already broken before being laid underground, which shows the substandard



works undertaken by CESC. The low tension line works are undertaken from Kautilya Circle near Crawford Hall towards Kukkarahalli Lake till University Pavilion Grounds, the public said and alleged that low quality broken concrete pipes were being used for the works.

Workers from other States

The public also alleged that labourers from other States and vehicles were being utilised for the works when there were thousands of labourers in city, who have been rendered jobless due to COVID-19 pandemic.

They urged the authorities concerned to instead give preference to locally available labourers in future.

JSS begins manufacturing of Ayurvedic medicine

Mysuru, Nov. 20 (RKB&SSV)- JSS Ayurveda Pharmacy has begun manufacturing of quality Ayurvedic products at its premises in JSS Ayurveda Hospital, Lalithadripura in city yesterday.

Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji launched this facility set up at a cost of Rs. 50 lakh as per Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP). Products, Churna, Khwatha, Kashaya, Thaila and tablets will be manufactured as per tradition of Ayurveda. Situated on a 15-acre land in Lalithadripura, the JSS Ayurveda College and Hospital was started in 1992. On an average, 50,000 persons were treated as in-patients and out-patients every year. Hundreds of passed out doctors from this institution were providing treatment to people not only in Mysuru but also in other districts, States and abroad.

Medicines are important for good health. This Ayurvedic medicine manufacturing unit has been started to provide quality medicine at an affordable price. Products such as churna, kashaya, thaila and tablets will be manufactured at this facility. First it will be tried on patients, doctors in our institution and then released to the market.

— Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji

Ch'nagar Medical College gets HC nod to enrol students

Chamarajanagar, Nov. 20 (SS &SSV)- Karnataka High Court has shown green light for admission into first year MBBS course in Chamarajanagar Institute of Medical Sciences (CIMS) for the year 2020-21 on Thursday.

This has come as a big breather for parents and students who were facing uncertainty over the admission process. The newly-constituted National Medical Commission (NMC) had denied permission for admission into first year MBBS course from the current academic year citing technical reasons. Questioning this, the CIMS Management had moved the Court. The High Court took up the matter for hearing yesterday and allowed the admission to first year MBBS course.

Background: Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) had announced seat matrix, details of Colleges and fees for admission for the current academic year in 52 Medical Colleges but the name of CIMS was missing. The intake into this College was fixed at 150. This had caused concern for parents and students. The NMC (earlier Indian Medical Council) has laid down 19 conditions and every Medical College has to fulfil them for admission of students. Before this, NMC members will visit every institution, examine infrastructure and then give permission. Accordingly, they had visited CIMS too in December last year. The team had observed several lacunae and asked the management to set it right and provide all necessary documents at the earliest. As per one of the conditions of NMC, the CIMS should have 600 beds. But as it did have that much of bed strength, it had entered into an agreement with the JSS Hospital. Documents to this effect had been submitted to the NMC. However, it was not considered by the authority concerned. Subsequently, the CIMS management had filed a writ in HC questioning the NMC's decision.

Online Monthly Science Lecture on "Climate Change"

Mysuru, Nov.20- Gravity Science Foundation, Chamarajanagar and Karnataka Science and Technology Academy (KSTA), Department of Science and Technology, Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru, have organised an "Online Monthly Science Lecture Series - 04" on "Climate Change: Sources, Impacts and Responses" on Nov. 21 at 5.15 pm. Resource person is Prof. K. S. Lokesh, former Registrar and Professor, JSS Science and Technology University.

Prof. Lokesh

The webinar shall be conducted through Cisco WebEx.

No registration fee. However, participants should register initially by using the link *https://cutt.ly/Fg5LODP*

'Cisco Webex' link will be shared to all participants to their registered e-mail.

For details contact *gravitysciencefoundation@gmail.com* or Mob: 97420-65065.

Various competitions mark World Food Day-2020

Dr. Shubhashree

Vasuki Vaibhav

Mysuru, Nov. 20- With the theme 'Grow, Nourish, Sustain Together: Revolution for Future Action,' a two-day programme to mark World Food Day-2020 by the NSS unit of JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru - Faculty of Life Sciences, in association with the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics and Department of Health System Management Studies, JSS AHER.

On day-1, scientific session was presented by **Dr. M.N. Shubhashree,** MD (Ayurveda), Research Officer (S-2), Regional Ayurveda Research Institute for Metabolic Disorders, Government of India (GoI), Bengaluru and theme of scientific session was 'Ayurvedic perspective of food and its impact on health.'

With insight into Ayurvedic science, the scientific talk emphasised on the concept of Swastya (Health) and its assessment, Ayurvedic concept of food, basic principles of dietetics, basic differences in approach and richness of Indian diet. A motivation speech was delivered by the special invited guest **Vasuki Vaibhav,** Singer and Composer of the Kannada Film Industry.

Competitions like e-Poster, Pick and Speak, Quiz and Recipe Video Presentation were conducted on both the days.

In the valedictory, chief guest Dr. K.L. Krishna, NSS Programme Co-ordinator, JSS AHER, addressed the gathering about thumb rules which youngsters should follow as good food practices for better health.

Dr. K.A. Raveesha, Professor and Head, Faculty of Life Sciences, presided and emphasised on awareness programme on food and nutrition.

The event was conceptualised and organised by Dr. B.V. Sushma and students from Nutrition and Dietetics alongside Dr. K.T. Vadiraj, Dr. Netravati Hiremath, Dr. Raghu Ram Achar and K. Roshan. Winners of the event are as follows:

e-Poster: 1st - R. Zahistha Begum, Avinashilingam University, Coimbatore; 2nd - Veda Chandrashekhar, Govt. Home Science College, Hassan; 3rd - Panchami, JSS AHER.

Pick & Speak: 1st - R. Zahistha Begum, Avinashilingam University, Coimbatore; 2nd - Sarah Sunil Joseph, Indian Institute of Public Health, Gandhinagar.

Quiz: 1st - Sarah Sunil Joseph, Indian Institute of Public Health, Gandhinagar; 2nd - R. Samyuktha, JSS AHER; 3rd - S. Simran, JSS AHER.

Recipe Video Presentation: 1st - R. Samyuktha, JSS AHER; 2nd - S. Akshaya, Govt. Home Science College, Hassan.

Participants from Karnataka, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Kerala and Maharashtra attended the session and took part in events.

Staging of play 'Dahana'

Mysuru, Nov. 20- Bengaluru-based theatre troupe Ranga Antharanga will be staging the Kannada play 'Dahana' at Bhoomigeeta in Rangayana on Nov. 22 at 6.30 pm, as part of the repertory's Weekend Show.

Based on the story written by well-known theatre person S.N. Sethuram, the play is directed by Raghavendra Naik.

About the play: How would an encounter with your favourite writer turn out to be? Akshatha is a hardcore fan of HBR — the famed feminist writer, actor, director and activist. She is going through a tough phase in her personal life and reaches out to her idol seeking counsel. HBR, known for intimately portraying female sensibility and capturing the anguish and soul of a woman's being, agrees to pay her a visit.

What starts off as a candid conversation soon becomes an eye opener that pushes you out of your comfort zone and makes you question the integrity of the pseudo-intellectuals like HBR. What if Akshatha's idol wants to strip off that revered image of his and yield to the bodily needs?

While the events take a dramatic turn, this hard-hitting play delves into the psyche of intellectuals like HBR, leaving you thinking hard and wondering about the masks that people wear. Will those who want to see the others naked, see their ego and lust set aflame when they strip themselves completely naked in front of their own conscience? This punch to the gut of a play makes you contemplate about just that.

WORD OF THE DAY

Garboil

Pronunciation: gahr-boil.
Meaning: Confusion.
Origin: Garboil is the perfect word: it sounds exactly like its meaning, "confusion." Garboil comes via Middle French garbouille (16th century) "confused mess," whose further etymology is uncertain. Italian has garbuglio, charbuglio (15th century) "confused mess," but etymologists are not convinced. Past that lies confusion: garboil has been associated with garble "to confuse, jumble"; no one is happy with that, either. Garboil entered English in the first half of the 16th century.
Example: Assuring your grace, that being this country in such garboil as it is, I would be loath to adventure to go to my Lord of Angus with any conduct that he would appoint me, unless the king's pleasure be that I shall so do.
— Sir Ralph Sadler

THE ODD WORD

Galactophagist

Milk drinker.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Go for broke

Meaning: A person is attempting to do something, and if they fail, they risk losing everything.
Origin: The expression go for broke is believed to come from the dice game "craps." According to Wiktionary, this phrase is actually slang from Hawaiian Pidgin craps. This game might be played at casinos and those playing have the option of wagering everything (that is, all of their chips) on a single dice roll. This is a risky move however, because a bad roll could result in them losing all of their money/chips. In other words, it would leave them broke. So that is the origin story for this phrase. However, something else of note is a 1951 movie called "Go for Broke!" The phrase does not originate from this movie because it existed before the movie's release. For example, it appears in print more than a decade earlier in the newspaper The Richmond River Herald and Northern Districts Advertiser, July 1935:
"...decided to do things properly, and their favorite contractor was told to go for broke, as the saying is, and to do the place over from caves to basement.

QUOTE BOX

It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.

—Frederick Douglass

RIDDLE THIS

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Answer: Arch-enemy.

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Answer to previous puzzle

8	6	3	7	5	9	1	2	4
9	2	7	1	3	4	6	5	8
1	5	4	8	6	2	7	9	3
6	1	2	3	7	8	5	4	9
5	4	8	6	9	1	3	7	2
7	3	9	2	4	5	8	6	1
2	9	1	5	8	6	4	3	7
3	8	6	4	2	7	9	1	5
4	7	5	9	1	3	2	8	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

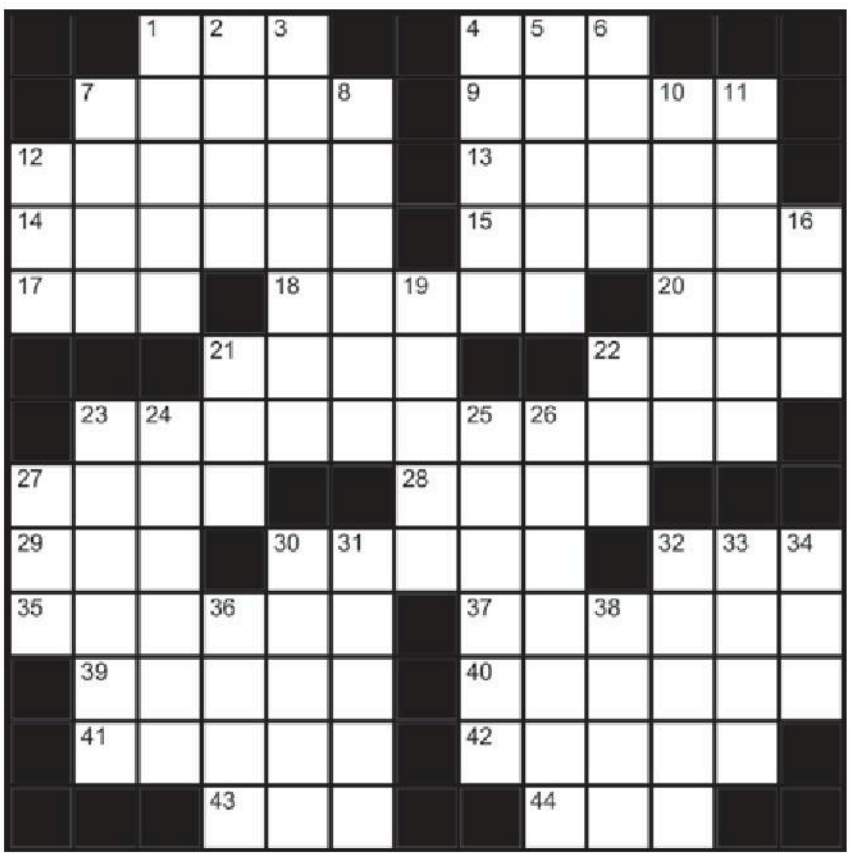
1 Milieu for a ewe
4 Third party program for a smartphone
7 Daphne or Calypso
9 Type of climbing and twining plant
12 Formula
13 City in Rajasthan
14 Spanish rice dish
15 Animal excrement mixed with soil to fertilize it
17 Grad. Rec. Exam.
18 Distant and unneighbourly; reserved
20 Become firm
21 Ballerina's skirt
22 Green parrots from New Zealand
23 Capital of Gujarat
27 Ambassador's forte?
28 David's army leader
29 French for 'Duke'
30 Ex-British PM
32 Global Positioning Sys.
35 Sound system
37 Helical
39 Air Data Inertial Ref. Unit
40 Simpler
41 Inhabitants of ancient Media?
42 Chlorates, carbonates, etc
43 As dirty as a pig's ___?
44 A matter of legal importance in Latin

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

D	A	B	■	M	A	G	I	■	■	S	P	A
E	L	O	■	U	N	I	T	S	■	L	U	X
R	A	W	■	F	I	R	E	S	■	A	R	I
V	E	L	D	T	■	■	■	E	A	V	E	S
■	■	■	I	I	I	■	E	S	T	■	■	■
P	A	N	G	■	G	Y	M	■	R	E	E	L
U	S	A	■	■	L	O	B	■	■	W	E	T
N	I	P	A	■	O	B	E	■	W	E	N	D
■	■	■	F	L	O	■	R	A	O	■	■	■
H	A	S	T	Y	■	■	■	B	E	N	C	H
U	T	E	■	R	I	S	E	N	■	U	R	E
N	E	E	■	E	V	O	K	E	■	L	O	S
T	E	D	■	■	Y	S	E	R	■	L	P	S

Down

1 French school
2 German name - "Mile" anagram?
3 Clap
4 Texas shrine
5 Rice dish - "if pal" changed?
6 A useful piece for advancement on the chessboard?
7 At hand
8 Physical and mental well-being
10 Queasiness
11 An unpaid and overdue debt
12 Role playing game in short
16 Extra-terrestrials, abbr.
19 ___ board : used in spiritual seances
21 Explosive chemical Trinitrotoluene in short
22 Soviet secret police
23 Opening batsman Gambhir
24 Assent or agree
25 Sounds
26 Guru Dutt's 1954 production (3,4)
27 Tax deducted at source, in short
30 Artist's cap
31 Stingy
32 Coarsely ground corn
33 Leander of Indian tennis
34 Camera type
36 ___ oneself of : frees oneself from?
38 Small land mass



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

YBL WGZH SIMAF CIYU IX CYRUB NGH

FMRRXH GRAW MN IX'B OZWMRE.

TODAY'S CLUE: E EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A government that robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.

Hero Indian Super League 2020-21

First major live sporting action in country kicks-off this evening

Bambolim, Nov. 20- Marking the return of the first major live sporting action in the country, the 7th season of India's Premier Football League — 2020-21 Hero Indian Super League (Hero ISL) — kicks off with the defending champions ATK Mohun Bagan squaring off against Kerala Blasters FC today (Nov. 20) at the GMC Stadium, Bambolim, Goa, at 7.30 pm.

New entrants SC East Bengal will make their Hero ISL debut playing in one of the oldest rivalries in Asian football — the Kolkata Derby.

For the first time in Hero ISL, SC East Bengal face ATK Mohun Bagan in the biggest spectacle of Indian football on Nov. 27, at the Tilak Maidan Stadium.

Hero ISL embarks on a unique season with the entire league to be played behind closed doors under a bio-secure bubble in Goa across three venues — JL Nehru Stadium (Fatorda), GMC Stadium (Bambolim) and Tilak Maidan (Vasco).

With SC East Bengal's inclusion, the expanded League will feature an unprecedented 115 games, up from 95 last season. All 11 Clubs play each other in a double round-robin format. The top four Clubs on the points table at the end of the regular season qualify for the playoffs.

The first 11 rounds feature six double-headers — all Sundays, with Jamshedpur FC and Odisha FC playing in the first 5 pm kick off this season on Nov. 29, at the Tilak Maidan Stadium.

Last season's League Shield winners FC Goa begin their campaign against former champions Bengaluru FC at 7.30 pm on Nov. 22, at the JL Nehru Stadium in Fatorda.

The schedule for the remaining 55 league matches will be published in December post clarity on calendar dates of Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Competitions matches, stated Football Sports Development Limited (FSDL) in a press release.

Hero INDIAN SUPER LEAGUE IMG RELIANCE STAR

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L.V. Mukund

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U. Giridhar Udupa

Mysuru, Nov. 20- As part of its online concert series, Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha, Mysuru, will be presenting a flute concert by versatile flutist Vid. L.V. Mukund at 5 pm on Saturday (Nov.21). The online concert will be premiered on its YouTube channel.

PROFILE

L.V. Mukund hails from the Belakawadi family, which has contributed many music stalwarts to Karnatak music. He was initially trained by his mother, Radha Vijayaraghavan and thereafter by Prapancham Balachandran. As part of his higher training he came under the tutelage of flute maestro, *Sangeetha Kalanidhi, Padmashri* N. Ramani, and is one of the torch-bearers of Ramani's school. He is one of the much sought after young flutist today and has been bestowed with several awards and honours.

He will be accompanied by a team of illustrious artistes, Vidu. Charulatha Ramanujam on violin, Vid. H. S. Sudheendra on mridanga and Vid. U. Giridhara Udupa on ghata. All the accompanying artistes are much acclaimed musicians and have accompanied most of the music heavy-weights. They have performed in almost all reputed platforms in India and abroad and have been credited with several awards and accolades.

Music-lovers are requested to watch the programmes by visiting Sabha's YouTube channel at Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, according to a press release from Vid. H. K. Narasimhamurthy, Hon. Secretary of the Sabha.

EVENTS TODAY (NOV. 20)

- **Hastashilpi:** 'Silk India-2020' expo, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Government of India (GoI), Ministry of Textiles, GoI, the Cauvery Handlooms, Bengaluru and the Department of Handloom & Textile & Commerce, Government of Karnataka (GoK) and JSS Mahavidyapeetha:** 'Samskruti-2020,' a Special Handloom Expo, Co-operation and District Minister S.T. Somashekar inaugurates the expo, MLA G.T. Devegowda presides, **4 pm;** Expo, JSS Mysore Urban Haat premises, Hebbal, **up to 9 pm.** [City Bus No. 117 from KSRTC Bus Stand]
- **Vivekananda Institute of Indian Studies (VIIS), a Unit of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM), Mysuru:** Webinar 'Learn from your Peers,' **6 pm.** [For registration, contact Mob: 94498-05495]
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** Karnatak Classical Violin Concert by Vid. M. Sumanth, accompanied by Vid. Nikshit Puttur on mridanga, Vid. Sharath Kaushik on ghata, [Endowment Programme in memory of Rukmini Ammal and Ramaswamy Iyengar instituted by their children], Mysore K. Vasudevacharya Bhavan, JLB Road, Lakshmipuram, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (NOV. 21)

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- **Hastashilpi:** 'Silk India-2020' expo, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.**
- **The National Institute of Engineering (NIE):** Inauguration of SDG Centre for Youth Engagement, a Centre for Outreach Activities, B.J. Puttaswamy, Hon. Vice Chairman, State Planning Board and Dr. Shalini Rajneesh, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to GoK, Department of Planning, Programme Monitoring and Statistics, chief guests; R. Ashok Anand, Vice President , NIE - MC, presides, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Hall, NIE Admin Block, **11 am.**
- **SPM Trust - Paramahamsa Yoga Mahavidyalaya, Mysuru:** Felicitation to Dr. A.S. Chandrashekar, 2020 Kannada Rajyotsava Award Winner and Regional Secretary, Arogya Bharati; Award Presentation to Dr. K. Raghuram Vajapayee, social worker, Kadakola K.R. Harish, Gen. Secretary, BJP, Chamundeshwari Nagara Mandala, Dr. V. Srikantaswamy Dikshit, religious thinker, Bengaluru, Dr. Manu B. Menon, Founder, Ayur Mattam, Mysuru, M. Kalavati, District in-Charge of Mahila Patanjali Yoga Samiti, Mysuru and Poornima Sandeep, Founder, Swananda Yogashala, Mysuru; Distribution of Certificates to Yoga Teacher Training Camp (5th Batch), National and International Yoga Treatment Trainer Shivaprakash Guruji, Chairman, Sri Paramahamsa Yoga Mahavidyalaya Trust, presides, T. Jalendrakumar, Secretary, Mysore Yoga Okkuta, Yogaprakash Guruji, Vice-President, Mysore Yoga Foundation, Dr. Malatesh Acharya, Vedic Jotishya and Vastu Expert and Dr. Bhavana R. Madhusudha, Director, Paramahamsa Yoga Mahavidyalaya chief guests, Pathrakartara Bhavana, Tyagaraja Road, **12 noon.**
- **Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishad (ABSP), Mysuru:** Dr. R. Purnima, formerly Professor of English, KSOU and presently Director, Children's Literary Club, talks on "Children's Literary Club's Engagement with Literature and Language," *[https://kraghushetty.webex.com]* **5 pm.**
- **The Change Makers Talkshow 'We The Society':** Talk on 'Business and Businessmen in the World of Literature,' Dr. Nirmala C. Prakash, Professor of English (retd.), Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysuru, keynote speaker, Dr. Mahadeva, Professor of English (retd.), University of Mysore (UoM), resource person, Dr. B. Shivaraj, Professor of Business Administration (retd.), UoM, presides, Hotel Le Ruchi The Prince, Hunsur Road, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** Gamaka Vaachana on 'Duryodhana Vilapa' (Sahasa Bheema Vijaya), Vyakhyana by Vid. Kru. Pa. Manjunath, Vaachana by Vidu. Shubha Raghavendra [Sponsored in memory of late Savithri Raghavendra Rao by K.N. Raghavendra Rao], Mysore K. Vasudevacharya Bhavan, JLB Road, Lakshmipuram, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Gana Sabha:** Karnatak Vocal Music by Vid. Manasa Nayana, accompanied by Vidu. Aditi Krishna Prakash on violin, Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga and Vid. S. Manjunath on ghata, Alwar Kala Bhavan, Gokulam, **6 pm.**

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Shivarjuna (K)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Trolls World Tour (E)	(S-2)	4.10 pm, 6.20, 8.30 pm
Act 1978 (K)	(S-3)	11.10 am
	(S-4)	1.15 pm, 4.15 pm
		7.00 pm, 9.45 pm
Suraj Pe Mangal Bhari (H)	(S-3)	1.55 pm
The Broken Hearts Gallery (E)	(S-3)	4.50 pm, 7.15, 9.40 pm

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Suraj Pe Mangal Bhari (H)	(S-1)	11.25 am, 2.45 pm
		6.20 pm, 9.55 pm
Trolls World Tour (E)	(S-3)	10.40 am, 1.40 pm
		4.10 pm, 6.40 pm
Act 1978 (K)	(S-2)	11 am, 5.30 pm, 8.55 pm
The Broken Hearts Gallery (E)	(S-2)	2.25 pm
	(S-3)	9.15 pm

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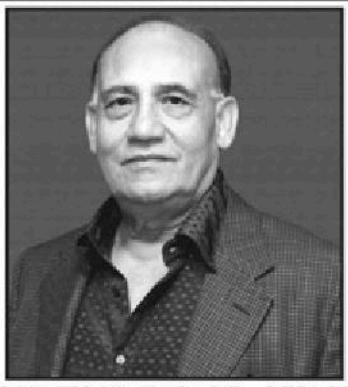
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